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Story So Far

After a long and illustrious career of murder, mayhem and destruction, Evil Ernie put the icing on the cake by launching a nuclear strike across the globe. As millions and millions died, and he basked in the glory of his accomplishments, Evil Ernie was destroyed by a nuke triggered by his mortal enemy, Dr. Mary Young.

Our story begins after that, and after the universe altering Armageddon event on an earth untouched by Ernie's litany of EVIL.

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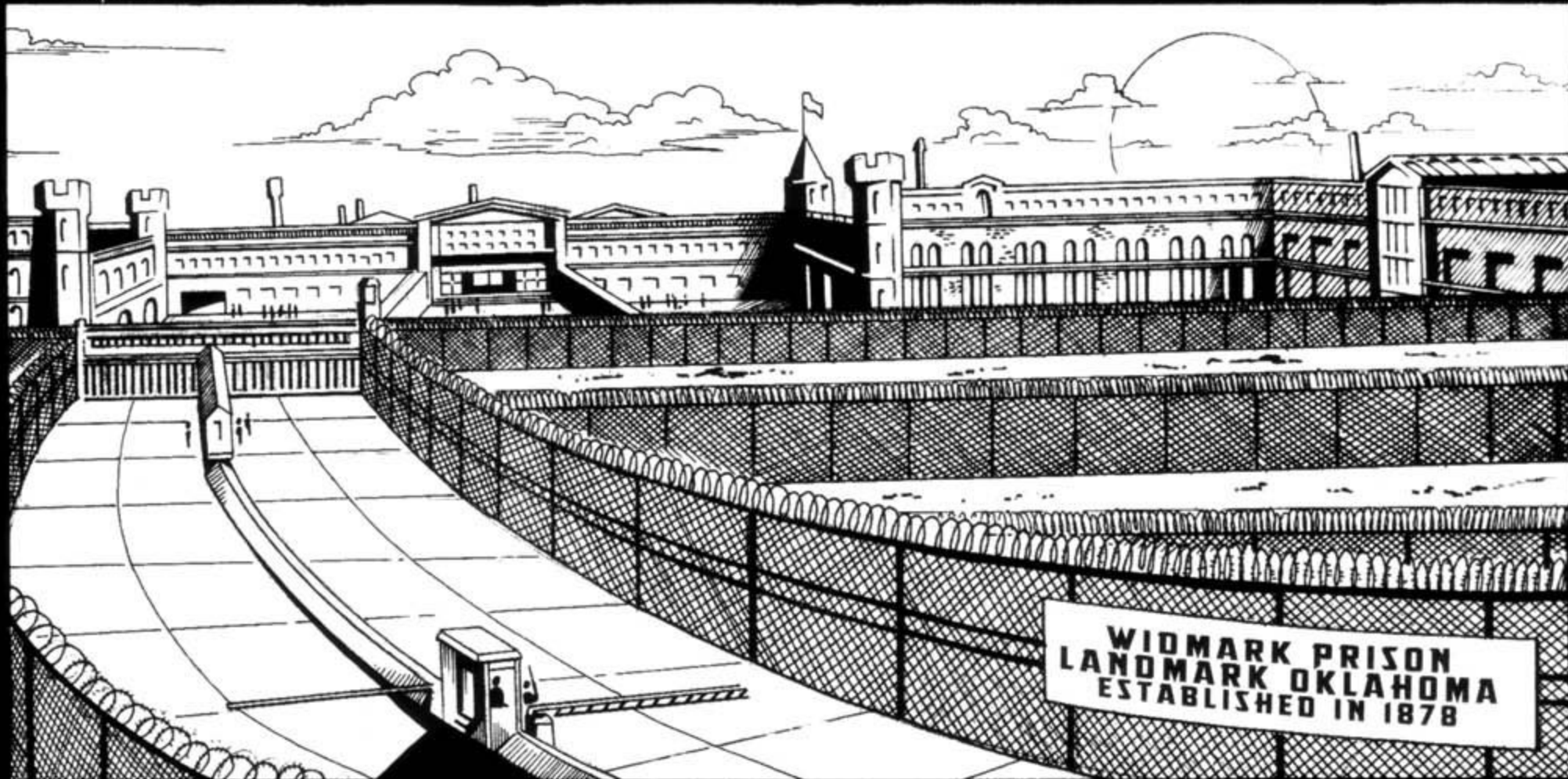
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REMEMBER
WHAT I SAID. HE'S
STILL OUT THERE.
HE CALLS HIMSELF
MISTER NIGHT.

ROLL
ON ONE.

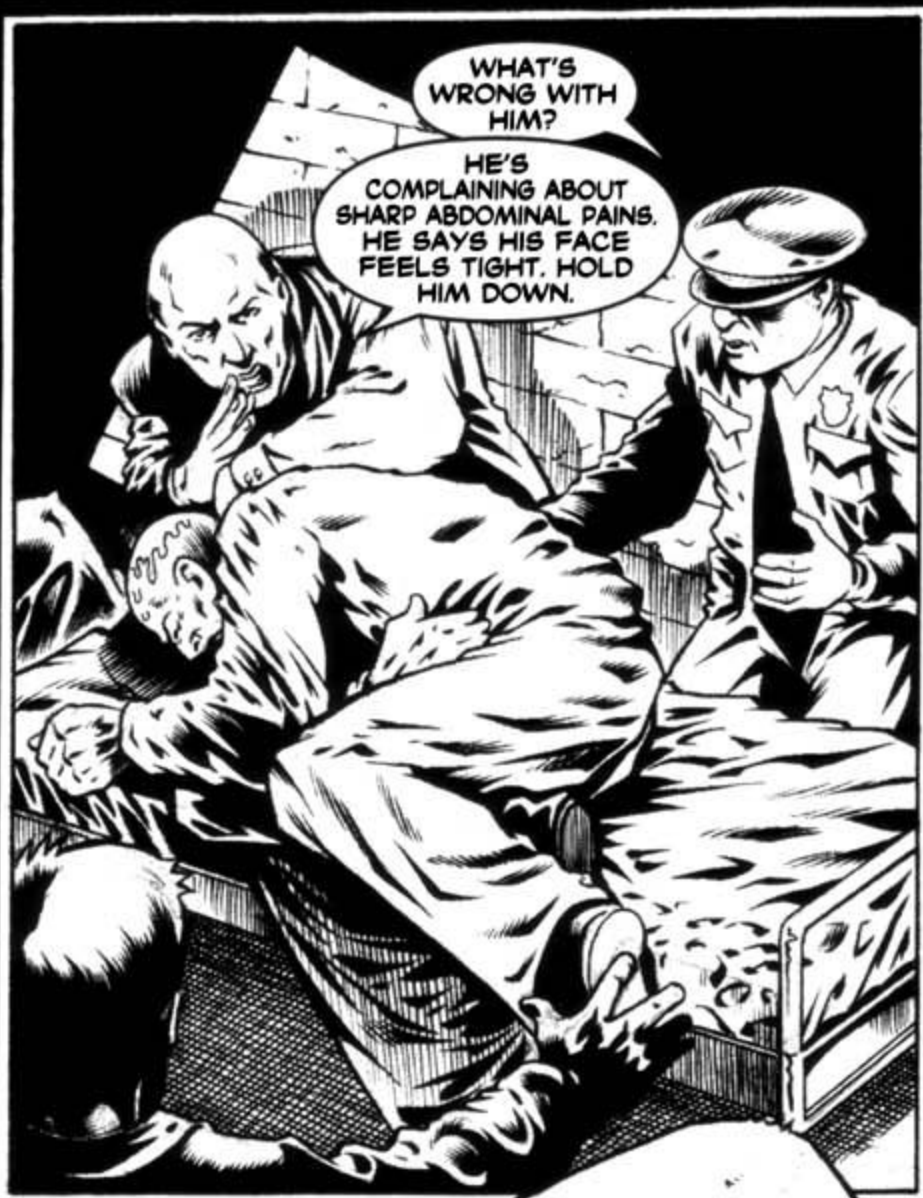


ROLL
ON ONE.



ROGER PIERCE, YOU'VE BEEN
CONDEMNED TO DIE BY A JURY OF
YOUR PEERS. YOU GOT ANYTHING
TO SAY BEFORE THE SENTENCE
IS CARRIED OUT?

HIS
NAME IS
MISTER
NIGHT.



WHAT'S
WRONG WITH
HIM?

HE'S
COMPLAINING ABOUT
SHARP ABDOMINAL PAINS.
HE SAYS HIS FACE
FEELS TIGHT. HOLD
HIM DOWN.



ROGER PIERCE,
ELECTRICITY SHALL
PASS THROUGH YOUR
BODY UNTIL YOU ARE
DEAD IN ACCORDANCE
WITH STATE LAW. GOD
HAVE MERCY ON
YOUR SOUL.

ROLL
ON TWO.

ROLL
ON TWO.









WHAT
A RUSH!





I...
LIVE?



WHERE
AM I?
WHAT
AM I DOING
HERE?



WHAT
THE HELL
ARE YOU?

BLAM
BLAM



I AM
EVIL.



EVIL!



OH THE
HUMANITY!

RUN!

PIERCE?













THIS WAY.

YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, MRS. DIMARTINI. I KNOW THIS PLACE LIKE THE BACK OF MY HAND.



IT'S NOT MRS. IT'S MS. BUT THAT'S ANOTHER STORY.



DID YOU JUST SEE WHAT I JUST SAW?

I SAW ROGER PIERCE WAKE FROM THE DEAD. A GUARD ATTACKED HIM AND HE KILLED THE GUARD. OTHER GUARDS ATTACKED HIM, HE KILLED THEM AND HE ORDERED THEM TO WAKE. THEY CAME AFTER US. THAT'S WHAT I SAW.

NO CLUE. IT'S NOT PIERCE. IT'S OUT OF MY JURISDICTION. CAN YOU GET US OUT OF HERE?

WHAT THE HELL ARE WE DEALING WITH?

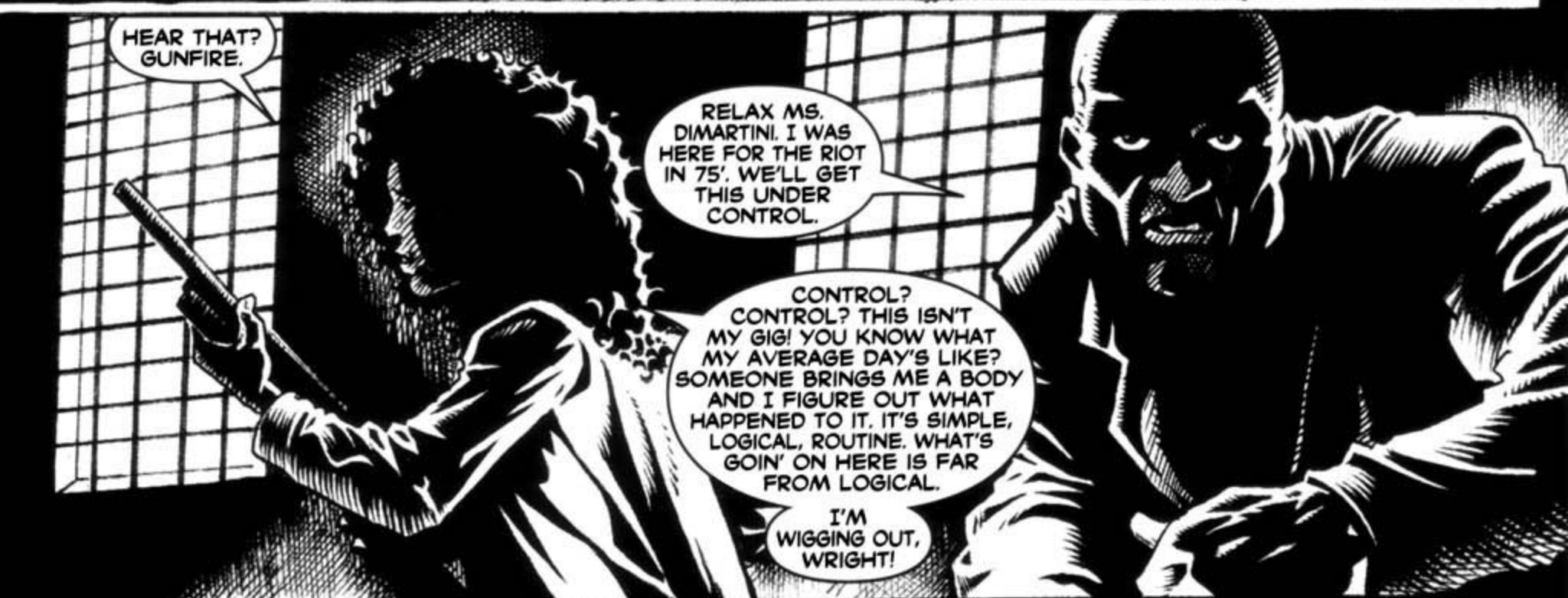
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FOLLOW ME -- HUH?

NOW WHAT?

THE ALARM. JESUS, WE GOT A RIOT ON OUR HANDS! I HAVE TO GET BACK TO COMMAND.















HOLD YOUR FIRE PLEASE.
PLEASE!
I'M J-JENNIFER DIMARTINI. I'M A C-COP. I'M ONE OF THE G-GOOD GUYS.
I'M OKAY, I'M ALIVE. I'M FREAKED OUT.



YOU! KEEP YOUR G-GUNS ON THAT DOOR! THAT T-THING COULD COME THROUGH ANY MINUTE!

WHAT THING?
THE MONSTER!

GET THE EMT'S OVER HERE, ADAMS. THIS WOMAN IS IN SHOCK.



WE ARE HERE WITH JENNIFER DIMARTINI OF THE VIOLENT CRIMES TASK FORCE. WHAT'S GOING ON INSIDE?

DID ROGER "BABYFACE" PIERCE ESCAPE THE ELECTRIC CHAIR? IS HE BACK FROM THE DEAD ON A BLOODY MARCH OF VENGEANCE?

I... D-DON'T KNOW. I DON'T KNOW WHAT I SAW. IT D-DOESN'T MAKE S-SENSE RIGHT NOW.

THE PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW. WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY?



ANYBODY HAVE A CIGARETTE?





WE'RE ALL GUILTY.



Shouldn't this place be toast? We did start world war three, right?

WE'RE SOMEWHERE ELSE, WE'RE NOT KNOWN HERE.

Cool! What's next?

WE HAVE TO FIND MISTER NIGHT...

THE BEGINNING!

SPEAKING OF EVIL...

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Love it or hate it, he's back. Evil has returned. For those of you who are happy about it, great. For those of you who aren't – deal with it. For those of you who are new to Evil Ernie, welcome aboard. There ain't a comic like this one anywhere in the world!

I gave two hard-core Evil Ernie fans an advanced look at my script for testimonials. They are Judy Evers (also known on-line as Chaosmom) and our year 2000 Ultimate Evil Ernie fan, Jeff Hensen. I've communicated with these fiends for years and years and trust their point of view. They dug the script. They also raised a bunch of questions about the state of Evil and his future. I figured I'd use this as a starting point and answer some of those questions.

WARNING: I discuss the story here, so if you have not read "Returns" read it first and then come back here.

Now onto Judy and Jeff's questions -

JUDY: Jeff and I agreed on most of the points below, and we both just loved the book. Here's what I sent to Jeff, it was my initial gut reaction. I was SOOO into this script, I was THERE...it was claustrophobic, and very simple yet effective. I was secretly hoping that his return wouldn't feature some complicated plot twist or machination, and it was wonderfully clean and straightforward...the focus was on Ernie back in action. The answers to the questions can come later, THIS was what we needed.

BRIAN: I didn't want to get complicated with his actual return. I figured let's get right into it as fast as possible.

JUDY: No arcane energy, so what's making him invulnerable?

BRIAN: Well, you don't see the arcane energy – yet. It may or may not come back. But not in a way you would expect.

JUDY: Does he remember LD?

BRIAN: Honestly, I don't know the answer to that question yet. While I have defined ideas about Evil's future, some stuff I haven't worked out.

JUDY: Which of the 8 worlds is this?

BRIAN: Though this book is in black & white, Evil occupies the same earth as Lady Death, Purgatori and Chastity. Makes for freaky possibilities, no?

JUDY: What's his plan now? Megadeath, if so, why?

BRIAN: I love not answering questions like these. The honest answer is that his agenda will unfold over the course of the next few stories. I'm not giving it away because this is where the meat of the story lies. Suffice it to say, this is uncharted territory for Evil.

JUDY: Don't let Jen recover so quickly at the end.

BRIAN: That isn't my intention with her. I want her to be in shock. She is not a naturally heroic character like Mary

Young. In fact, she isn't able to deal with Evil at all, but she is part of a bigger team that could deal with him. Jen is part of a national violent crime task force. In the future, she will bring them in to figure out what the Hell happened at the Super Max.

JUDY: Don't stray into any of this "New Visions" type stuff with it. "New Visions" works for some of the other characters, but not Ernie.

BRIAN: Not to worry. Evil Ernie is now a "mature readers" book and it will continue its long tradition of very dark, violent subject matter. I've put it under the banner "Pulido's Black Label" to clearly differentiate it from the "New Visions" stuff.

NEXT: We are officially launching Pulido's Black Label with the January 2002 release of THE UNDEAD #1. This story takes place over a decade after Evil Ernie started World War III. I look deeply into the culture of the Undead. The lead characters in this story will be Homicide, Billy Young, and a new living, female character I haven't named yet. Our villains include Smith & Jones the Undead corporate heads of a meat processing plant. Homicide has sworn off his life of violence and lives peacefully among a commune of living and dead in Monument Valley, Utah. What circumstances arise that pull him back into a life of violence and mayhem? This will be over 40 pages of story and art. It will be very, very dark and violent.

I have a request of you. If you want to get a copy of this book, please reserve it at your local comic shop or visit our on-line shop (chaosstore.com). Please don't assume your local retailer will order it for their shelves. This book features a male lead character and historically retailers order lots less of our male character's books. Retailers have a lot of choices to make these days and they need to hear from you about what you want. Simply said, go to your retailer and say you want **BLACK LABEL!** Thanks.

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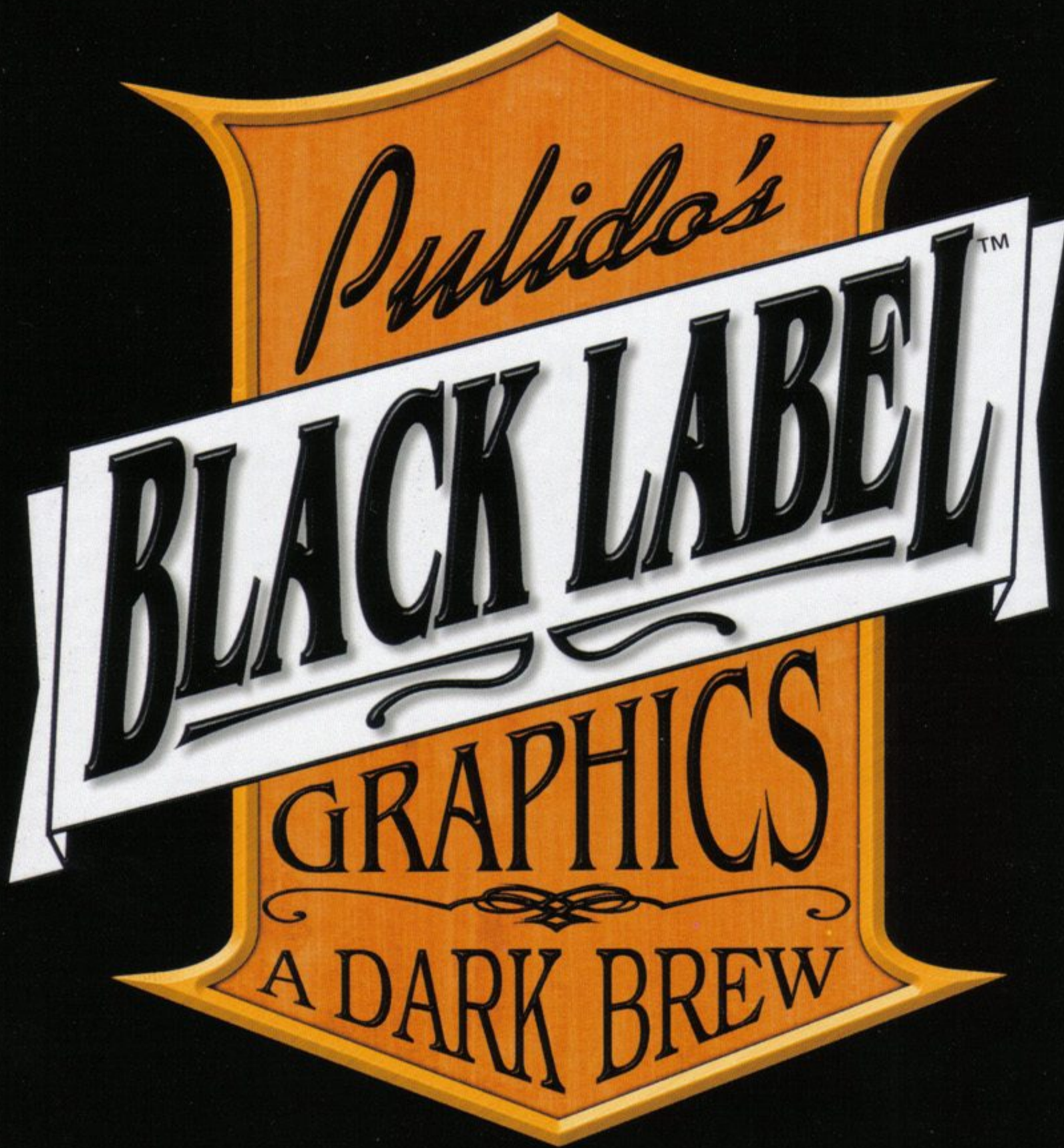
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